

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 708
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Greg Patterson of Dodson Elementary School on his selection as Tennessee's National Distinguished Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Greg Patterson is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson was recently selected as Tennessee's National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the United States Department of Education, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Dr. Patterson attended Crieve Hall Elementary School and graduated from John Overton High School; knowing the great importance of education, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Master of Educational Administration from Middle Tennessee State University, and his Doctor of Education from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, this gifted educator has served the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools System with acumen and alacrity for more than twenty-five years and became Principal of Dodson Elementary School in January 2002; and

WHEREAS, truly a gifted and devoted principal, Greg Patterson tirelessly works to improve teaching methods and to implement innovative projects, such as the television show he produces with his students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson goes out of his way to encourage parent and community involvement in school activities; and

WHEREAS, a natural servant-leader, Greg Patterson has planted flowers, painted walls, and redecorated hallways in order to make Dodson Elementary School more child-friendly; and

WHEREAS, during his career, he has earned distinction for his work with kindergarten through sixth grade and is recognized by his peers as a leader in the field; in 1987, he was elected Lakeview Elementary School Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson additionally shares his vast wisdom with current and future educators by teaching in the graduate education program at Trevecca University and for two decades has shared his love and knowledge of his hometown through his work with Nashville Express Tours; and

WHEREAS, Greg Patterson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students and faculty to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; he is committed to addressing complex social issues with which students must deal on a daily basis, better preparing them for classroom learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his recent award is a source of great pride to his family, his friends, his peers, his students, and the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and Board of Education, all of whom he credits for making his success possible through their support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Greg Patterson on being chosen as Tennessee's National Distinguished Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Nashville, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.